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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would establish the Alabama Centralized Grant Management Database within the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

This bill would require the department, through the implementation of the database, to maintain an online platform that provides a centralized listing of all available federal, state, local, and private grants.

This bill would require the department, through the implementation of the database, to maintain a registry of individuals and firms that may be available to assist in grant applications.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to state government; to establish the Alabama Centralized Grant Management Database within the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs; to require the department to maintain lists of all grants for which Alabama entities are eligible; and to require the department to maintain a registry of individuals and firms that may be



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29 available to assist in grant applications.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

31 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
32 the Alabama Centralized Grant Management Act.

33 Section 2. (a) The Alabama Grant Management Database is
34 established within the Alabama Department of Economic and
35 Community Affairs.

36 (b) The department, through the implementation of the
37 database, shall:

38 (1) Develop and maintain a centralized, publicly
39 accessible online platform listing all available federal and
40 state grant opportunities administered by state agencies for
41 which Alabama entities are eligible;

42 (2) Publish and maintain a voluntary registry of
43 qualified grant writers, consultants, and technical assistance
44 providers who may be available to assist grant applicants;

45 (3) Provide guidance to assist local governments, small
46 businesses, nonprofits, and other eligible entities in
47 identifying and applying for grants;

48 (4) Coordinate with state agencies to ensure grant
49 information is timely and accurate; and

50 (5) Submit an annual report to the Governor, Lieutenant
51 Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
52 President Pro Tempore of the Senate on the number of grants
53 listed, number of users of the database, and any barriers to
54 the administration of the database identified by the
55 department.

56 Section 3. (a) The Alabama Department of Economic and



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57 Community Affairs shall establish and maintain a voluntary
58 register of individuals and firms who provide grant writing or
59 technical assistance services.

60 (b) Individuals and firms who wish to appear on the
61 registry shall submit relevant qualifications, experience, and
62 contact information, as determined by rule of the department
63 pursuant to Section 4.

64 (c) The registry shall be made publicly available on
65 the same online platform as the listing of grants pursuant to
66 Section 2(b)(1).

67 Section 4. (a) The Alabama Department of Economic and
68 Community Affairs may adopt rules to implement and administer
69 this act.

70 (b) All state agencies shall cooperate with the
71 department by providing the contact information and
72 information pertaining to their respective grant programs
73 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

74 (c) The database shall be funded through appropriations
75 by the Legislature.

76 Section 5. This act shall become effective on October
77 1, 2026.